

...YOU  
ALWAYS GET  
PICKED ON,  
WHETHER  
YOU'RE IN  
GERMANY  
OR JAPAN?

DO YOU  
KNOW  
WHY...

W  
R  
O  
N  
G  
!!

I STAND OUT  
CUZ I'M A  
SHRIMP AND A  
QUARTER  
GERMAN?

THIS'S  
FOR  
YOU.  
IT'S  
BRAND-  
NEW.

...  
HAVEN'T  
PROVEN  
YOUR-  
SELF.

IT'S  
BE-  
CAUSE  
YOU...

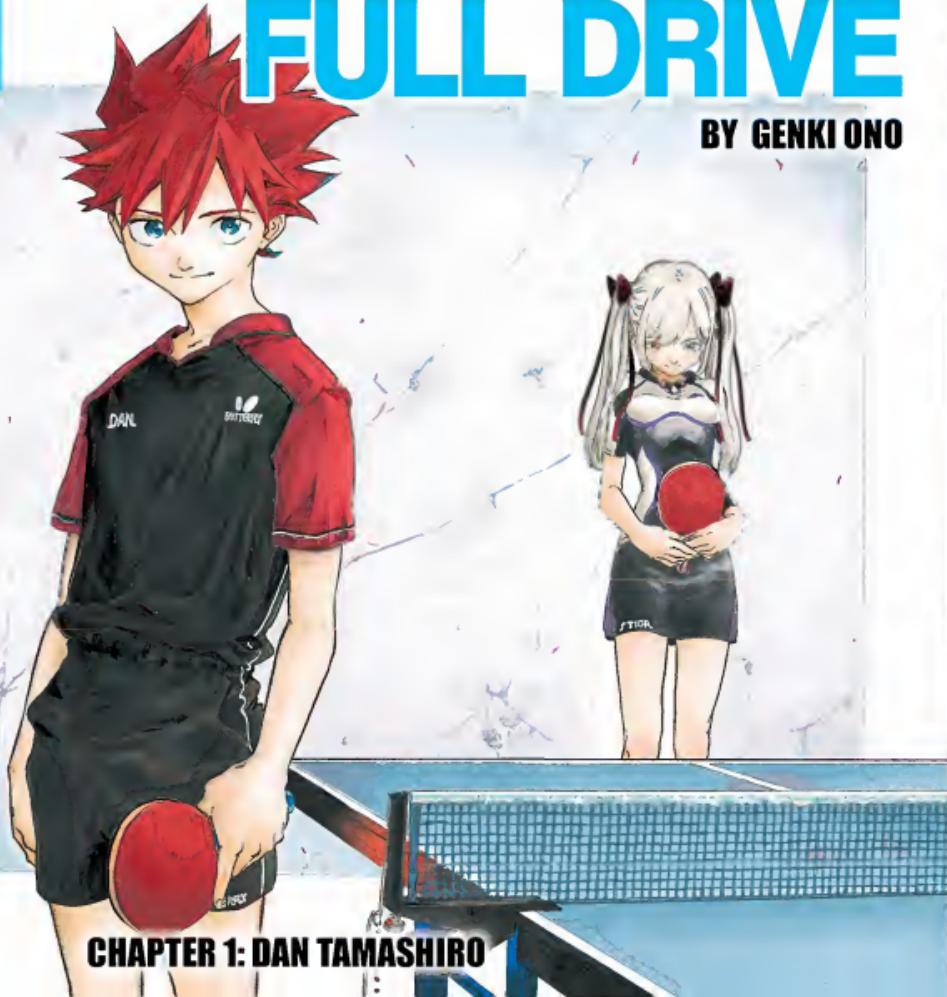
WHAT  
IS IT?

JUMP  
START!

A TASTE OF WHAT'S  
NEW IN JAPAN

# FULL DRIVE

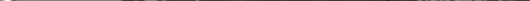
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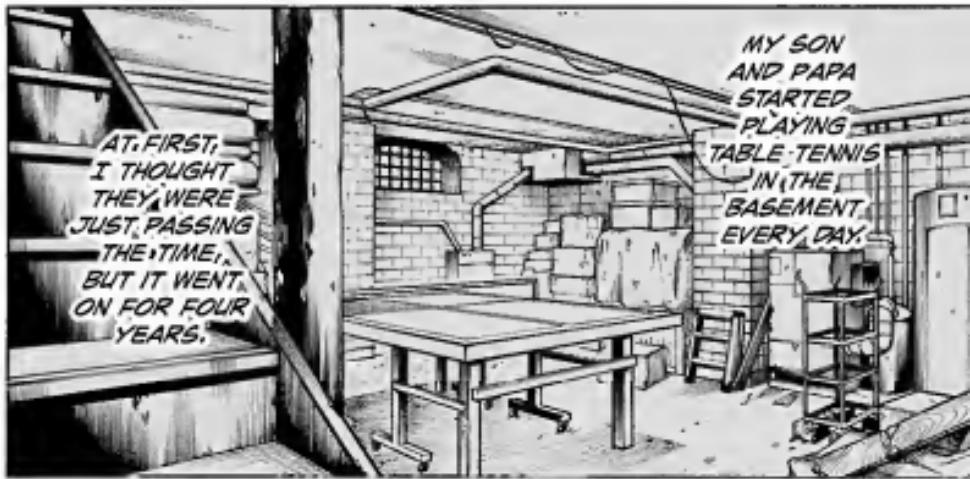
CHAPTER 1: DAN TAMASHIRO













TOKYO—A CERTAIN STUDIO...





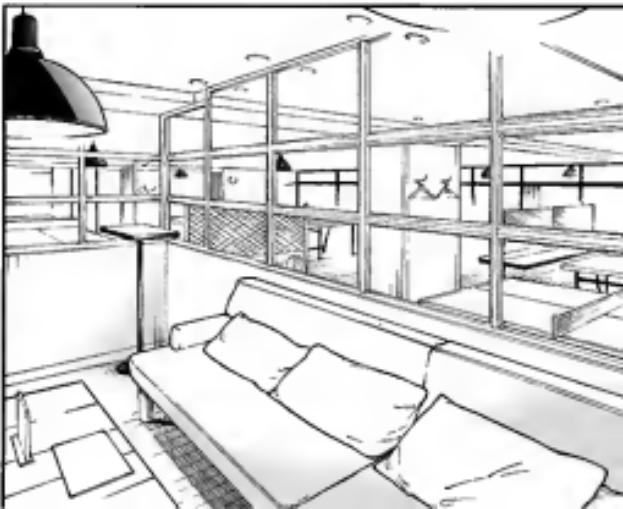


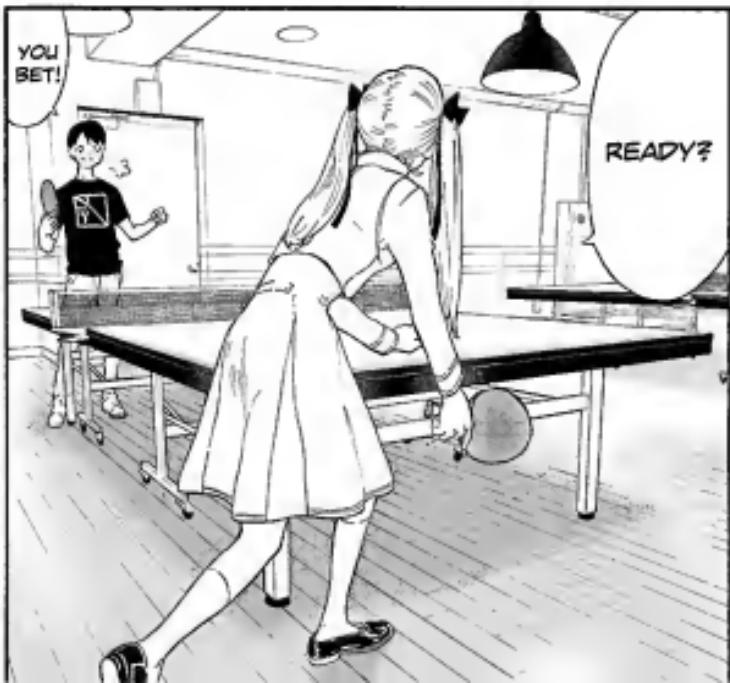












...THE  
BALL?

SHALL WE  
COMMENCE...











...A  
SPACE-  
CASE  
TWERP  
LIKE  
THAT...

TO  
BEGIN  
WITH...

...COULD  
NEVER BE  
STRONG.

HOW  
DO YOU  
PLAY  
GRAMPA?

YOU JUST  
WATCH,  
KIDD.

COME  
ON  
THEN!  
PRACTICE!









WHY  
DON'T  
YOU  
PROVE  
IT?

YOU  
CAN  
GET  
STRONG  
TOO.

...  
GAVE  
ME  
WAS  
...

WHAT  
GRAM-  
PA...

TAMP  
PING-  
PONG  
!!

WHAT  
IS HE  
TRYING  
TO DO  
?





... HAVE PRIDE.



SO YOU DO ...

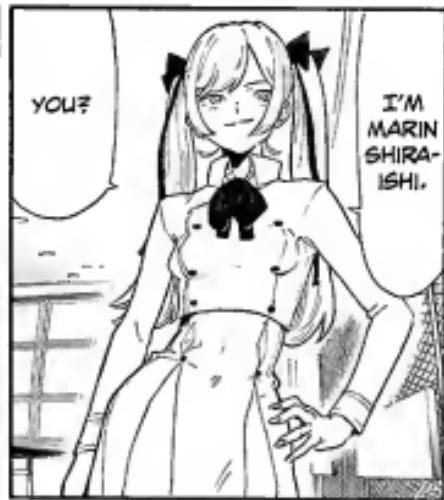


I'M MARIN SHIRASHI.

I'M USED TO BEING UNDER-ESTIMATED.

DAN TAMA-SHIRO.

YOU?



WHERE AND FROM WHO DID YOU LEARN TO PLAY TABLE TENNIS?

DOPPY FACE!

U STARE ...

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF YOU.

NEVER SEEN YOUR DOPPY FACE EITHER.

TAMA-SHIRO!

PERK

ED

!!





...IT'S  
PING-  
PONG.

MISS  
MARIN,  
IF  
THERE'S  
ANYTHING  
I'M  
STRONG  
AT...

I  
NEED  
TO ASK  
YOU  
ABOUT  
HIM  
ONE  
MORE  
TIME.

YES  
!!

RIGHT  
BACK  
AT  
YOU.

THAT'S  
WHAT I  
WANT TO  
CHECK.

TAMA-  
SHIRO...

WITH  
AN  
OKINAWAN?

HE  
WAS A  
PRETTY  
BIG  
JAPAN-  
OPHILE.

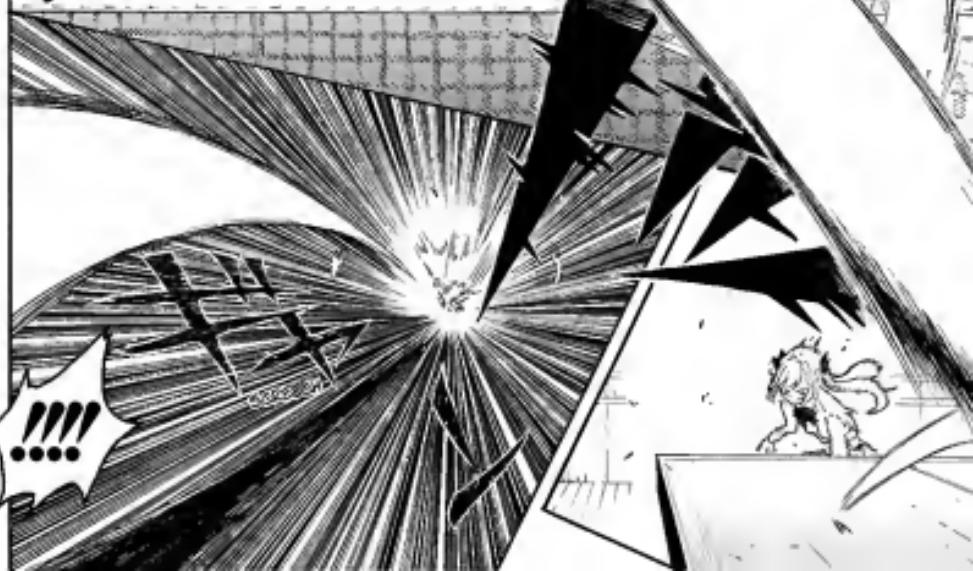
HE HAD A  
DAUGHTER,  
RIGHT?

HE GOT  
MARRIED  
TO A  
JAPANESE  
WOMAN IN  
GERMANY

LOOP



DRIVE!!







OH,  
PLEASE.  
THIS  
SPACE  
CASE  
COULD  
NEVER  
BE...







...THE  
JEWEL OF  
JAPAN'S  
FEMALE  
PLAYERS!!

BECAUSE  
RIGHT  
HERE, YOU  
GOT TO  
MEET ME,  
MARIN...

BAM

IS  
MY  
BAMBOO

THEN  
I'LL  
RETURN  
THAT  
STROKE  
PERFECTLY  
THE NEXT  
TIME YOU  
HIT IT!!

DO YOU  
WANT ME  
TO TEACH  
YOU HOW  
STRONG  
I AM?

THE  
JEWEL  
...?

...ARE  
BATTING  
IT OUT  
BEFORE  
MY VERY  
EYES!!

...AND WULF'S  
GRANDSON...

THE JEWEL  
OF JAPAN...

...THEN  
DON'T  
WAKE  
ME UP.

IF I'M  
DREAMING  
...

IT'S THE  
SAME STROKE.  
THE SAME  
TRAJECTORY.



WOOOM



A MAGNIFICENT  
CHALLENGE!!

... THAN  
JUST  
TALK.

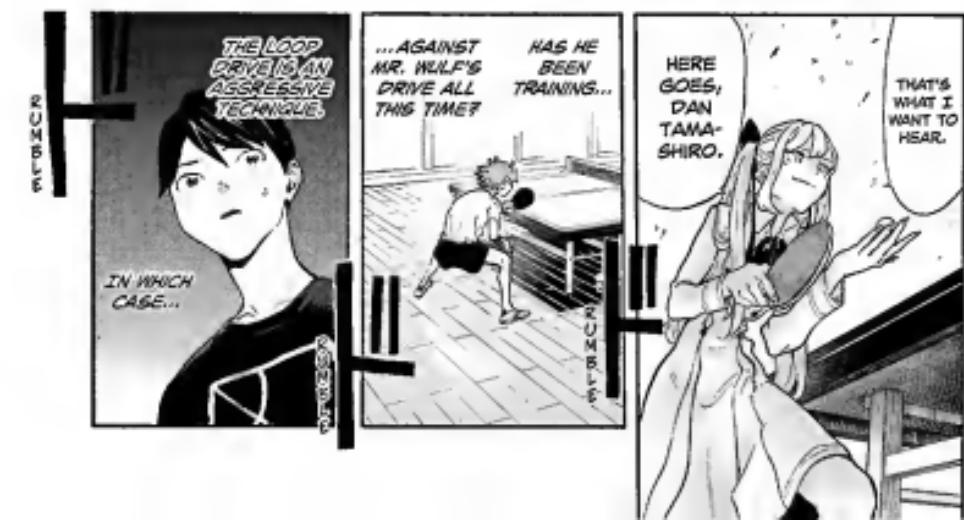
HE'S  
MORE...



...  
FIRED  
UP  
NOW!!

I'M COM-  
PLETELY  
...







...THE  
LIMITS OF  
REFLEXES

IN A  
RALLY AT A  
SPEED  
THAT  
PUSHES  
PAST...



...GO  
INTO  
OVER-  
DRIVE  
!!

CLACK

MORE!!

YOU  
CAN  
HIT IT,  
RIGHT  
?!

GIVE ME  
MORE!!

!!









I BET YOU  
DON'T EVEN  
REMEMBER  
TO EAT  
THREE MEALS  
A DAY!!  
That's why you're  
so short!!

HOW  
ARE  
YOU  
SUCH A  
SPACE  
CASE?!

I DON'T  
THINK  
MEALS  
HAVE  
ANYTHING  
TO DO  
WITH IT...  
U

Ah ha!

WHAAAAT?!!  
YOU HAVEN'T  
EVEN DECIDED  
WHERE YOU'LL  
PLAY YET?!!

NOPE.

Y"Up—!!  
YEEEEEK

THEN  
WE'RE  
IN THE  
SAME  
LEVEL..

ME  
TOO.

I'M  
15.

ARRGH!!  
GOD,  
YOU  
DON'T  
EVEN  
KNOW  
THAT  
MUCH?!!

JUNIOR  
HIGH  
NATION-  
ALS?

FIRST,  
YOU NEED  
TO AIM FOR  
JUNIOR HIGH  
NATIONALS,  
RIGHT?

LEVEL  
OF  
PLAY?

...YOU  
NEED  
TO PUT  
YOURSELF  
IN A COM-  
PETITIVE  
ENVIRON-  
MENT!!

IN ANY  
CASE!!  
IF YOU  
PLAN ON  
KEEPING  
UP WITH  
JAPAN'S  
CURRENT  
LEVEL OF  
PLAY...



ALL KINDS  
OF YOUNG  
TALENTS—  
POTENTIAL  
FUTURE NATIONAL  
TEAM PLAYERS—  
ARE CONCEN-  
TRATED IN OUR  
GENERATION.

IT'S LIKE  
WE'RE RIVAL  
WARLORDS  
IN THE  
WARRING  
STATES  
PERIOD.

IT'S THE  
GOLDEN  
TIME.





...I  
WOULDN'T  
HAVE IT  
ANY  
OTHER  
WAY.





BU TO BE CONTINUED...